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Letter dated 31 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith copies of the documents issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 30 March 2014, as follows:

- The statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with regard to the Security Council's denouncement of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's self-defensive rocket launch exercises (see annex I).
- The answer given by the spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to a question raised by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) with regard to the adoption of the "resolution" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the Human Rights Council (see annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I to the letter dated 31 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea blasts Security Council for taking issue with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea over its justifiable rocket launching drills

Pyongyang, 30 March (KCNA) — The Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea issued the following statement blasting the Security Council for its illegal action of taking issue with the justifiable rocket launching drills conducted by the Korean People's Army:

The sincere efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to prevent a new war and ensure peace and security on the Korean peninsula are facing a grave challenge of the hostile forces.

The Security Council, at a closed-door consultative meeting held on 28 March at the urgent request of the United States of America, committed an illegal provocative act of "denouncing" the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's justifiable rocket launching drills for no reason.

The drills were self-defensive military drills of the Korean People's Army to cope with the grave situation created by the United States hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which has been pursued for the past several decades and the evermore intensified exercises for a nuclear war.

The climate for détente is being created on the Korean peninsula thanks to the proactive and peace-loving sincere efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea this year. Nevertheless, the United States kicked off the Key Resolve and Foal Eagle joint military exercises with south Korean puppet forces with huge aggression forces and destructive weapons involved.

With their scale and danger increased, the largest-ever forces since 1993 are involved in the Ssangyong drill, which started on 27 March. The United States dared declare that its main objective is to "occupy Pyongyang".

It is quite natural for the Korean People's Army to make full preparations to cope with the prevailing grave situation, as its mission is to protect the security of the country and its people and defend peace.

However, the Security Council, shutting its eyes to the United States madcap nuclear war exercises, "denounced" the Korean People's Army self-defensive rocket launching drills to cope with them as a "violation of resolutions" and "threat to international peace and security" and is set to take an "appropriate step". It is absolutely intolerable.

As far as the Security Council "resolutions", which it claimed were "violated" by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, are concerned, they are full of brigandish paragraphs to wantonly encroach on the sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the security of the nation and deprive it of its right to launch satellites for peaceful purposes, as they are a product of the United States hostile policy towards the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea, therefore, categorically rejected them as soon as they were adopted and there is no ground whatsoever for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to be bound to them.

If something is measured by a wrong ruler, a wrong result is bound to be produced.

That is why there is such absurdity that the efforts of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to defend the security of the country and the nation are labelled a "provocation" and the United States moves for igniting a nuclear war are described as ones for "defending peace".

If the Security Council persistently tries to deny the exercise of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's just right by partially citing the unreasonable "resolutions" according to the United States scenario, it will end up escalating tensions and sparking conflict only, far from contributing to keeping peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the region.

The farce staged by the United States to "denounce" the Democratic People's Republic of Korea rocket launching drills for no reason after bringing them up for discussion at the Security Council is aimed to divert the blame for escalating tensions to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and hype the Democratic People's Republic of Korea "threat" to have a justification for arms build-up pursuant to its pivot to Asia-Pacific strategy.

As the United States persists in its moves to isolate and stifle the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by abusing the Security Council, prompted by its strategic interests, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea has the right to defend itself and is fully ready to do so.

Now that the United States is staging ceaseless nuclear war exercises by mobilizing all types of nuclear strike means aimed at "occupying Pyongyang", while describing the exercises as "annual ones", the Korean People's Army drills to cope with them will involve various forms of exercises in which more diversified nuclear deterrence will be used for hitting various medium- and long-range targets with a variety of striking power.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea is fully ready for next-stage steps, which the enemy can hardly imagine, in case the United States considers them as a "provocation" again.

It would not rule out a new form of nuclear test for bolstering up its nuclear deterrence.

The United States had better ponder over this and stop acting rashly.

If a catastrophic development which no one wants occurs on the peninsula, the United States will be wholly responsible for it.

Annex II to the letter dated 31 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

"Resolution on human rights" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea rejected: Foreign Ministry spokesman

Pyongyang, 31 March (KCNA) — The spokesman for the Foreign Ministry of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea gave the following answer, on 30 March, to a question put by the Korean Central News Agency as regards the adoption of the "resolution" against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by the Human Rights Council:

The twenty-fifth meeting of the Human Rights Council released a "report" of the "Commission of Inquiry" on the human rights situation in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and railroaded a "resolution" against it.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea has not recognized the Commission of Inquiry grouping political swindlers, marionettes of the United States and the West, and totally opposes and rejects the above-mentioned resolution, a product of the vicious hostile policy towards it.

Unable to bring down the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by taking issue with it over its nuclear issue only, the United States and other hostile forces are making false facts in succession in a bid to intensify "human rights racket" against it to invent an excuse for interfering in its internal affairs and topple down its social system.

The United States and Japan, war criminal states and unethical criminal states with the history of aggression, plunder and murder against other countries and nations in the past, and the European Union are concealing their past history stained with blood, styling themselves "human rights judges" and resorting to political slander and attacks on independent countries, steeped in inveterate repugnance towards them.

If human rights are to be discussed sincerely, it is necessary to bring for discussion at the International Criminal Court and punish, first of all, the United States aggression of sovereign states, including Iraq and Afghanistan, genocide, Japan's past heinous crimes against humanity and misanthropy, racial discrimination, chauvinism and new Nazism rampant in European Union countries.

Human rights precisely mean national sovereignty.

If politicization of human rights, selectivity and double standards pursued by the United States, which has no qualification to say about genuine human rights, and forces following it are connived at, acts of calling into question specific countries, prompted by political motive, will be more rampant day by day.

The Democratic People's Republic of Korea will firmly defend the idea and socialist system chosen by itself and continue sincerely discharging its duty in the field of international human rights.